



## **MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Executive Session starts @ 6:00 PM**

**October 25, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**. ***Present:*** Mayor Ronald Belinko, Council Members Barbara Ryer, Sharon Brienza, Pete Michel, and Robert Wisgirda. Town Manager Debbie Botchie, Administrative Assistant Eileen Scerra and Town Clerk Wendy Mardini were also present.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Council Member Brienza made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wisgirda. Motion carried 5-0.***

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE MEETING**

***Council Member Barbara Ryer made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pete Michel. Motion carried 5-0.***

2. **Citizens' Privilege** - Mr. Dave Moeller, 30431 Blue Heron Drive, Millville, DE. He discussed some updates with the project "Clean-up." They want to start this program in the Spring 2023. He also voiced his concerns about prospective homeless issues. Suggested a loitering ordinance.

3. **New Business**

**A. Discuss, consider and possible vote on potential acquisition of Tax Map Parcel No. 134-12.00-406.00.**

Town Manager Debbie Botchie gave some background about the property that the Town wants to purchase next to Evans Park, it is 3.51 acres, and the Town wants to preserve it in the wooded state that it is in. The purchase price is \$475,000.00. Seth Thompson, Esq. confirmed that there needs to be due diligence i.e., title search, property survey, environmental study, and appraisal before purchase.

***Council Member Sharon Brienza made a motion to move forward on the potential acquisition of Tax Map Parcel No. 134-12.00-406.00 contingent upon all reports coming back positive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbara Ryer. Motion carried 5-0.***

After the vote, the Mayor made several positive comments for the purchase of this property.

**B. Discuss, consider and possible vote on security enhancements for Town Hall & Millville Community center. - Town Manager Debbie Botchie**

Ms. Botchie explained that what the Town is looking to do is some due diligence on the assessment of the building where the staff works. We already have some measures in place at the community center for this there because Liz is alone. Ms. Botchie asked Council to let her move forward with this endeavor.

***Council Member Sharon Brienza made a motion to let Ms. Botchie move forward on potential security enhancements for the Town Hall and Community Center. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbara Ryer.***

***Roll call was requested by Mayor Belinko:***

***Bob Wisgirda Yes***

***Sharon Brienza Yes***

***Ronald Belinko Yes***

***Barbara Ryer Yes***

***Pete Michel Yes***

***The motion carried 5-0.***

**C. Discuss, consider and possible vote on applying for Energize Delaware Electric Vehicle Future grant. The grant is provided by DNREC (Delaware of Natural Resources and Controls) partnered with Energize Delaware. - Administrative Assistant Eileen Scerra**

Ms. Scerra advised the Council that she attended a Zoom meeting regarding electric vehicles. She explained what funds were available and needed to be applied for. She also informed them that a feasibility study needed to be done first and that she reached out to 3 different companies and heard back from one. Barbara Ryer agreed to have the study done. Discussion was held regarding the study and available grants. It was clarified that you must purchase cars and charging stations at the same time and that would be another type of grant.

***Council Member Barbara Ryer made a motion to ask the Town Manager and her staff to investigate the feasibility study regarding the utilization of the grant money. The motion was seconded by Sharon Brienza.***

***Roll call was requested by Mayor Belinko:***

***Bob Wisgirda Yes***

***Sharon Brienza Yes***

***Ronald Belinko Yes***

***Barbara Ryer Yes***

***Pete Michel Yes***

***The motion carried 5-0.***

4. **Citizens Privilege** - Mr. Dave Moeller, 30431 Blue Heron Drive, Millville, DE. He wanted clarification regarding the use of electric vehicles, Ms. Scerra provided the answer.
5. **Announcement of next meeting:** A brief discussion was held to schedule a November meeting since the regular meeting would be on Election Day. The date will be determined later.
5. **Adjournment**  
*A motion was made by Council Member Brienza, seconded by Council Member Ryer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Mardini  
Town Clerk